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INVENTOR: Kazuyuki NISHI FOR: WASHING METHOD



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| \boxtimes | 14 pages of specification, claims, abstract. | | | |
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| \boxtimes | Declaration and Power of Attorney. | | | |
| \boxtimes | Priority Claimed. | | | |
| | Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-001472 | | | |
| \boxtimes | 3 sheets of formal drawing. | | | |
| \boxtimes | An assignment of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD. | | | |
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| | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. | | | |
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| Total Claims | 18 | -20 | 0 | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | -3 | 0 | \$80.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) | | | | \$0.00 | |
| Basic Fee | | | | | \$710.00 |
| Total of Above Calculations | | | | \$710.00 | |
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